

THE OIL FIELDS.

The Past Week Has Been One of Unusual Activity.

THE MAYFIELD WELL WILL OPEN

Up a Big Lot of New Territory if It Finally Shows up as a Good Well—Recent Activity in Monroe County, Ohio. An Important Development Near Benwood—Hope for an Advance in the Price of Oil—Devonian Company Gets Another Good Producer.

The past week in oil circles in this part of the southwest has been a very lively one. The first thing on the programme was the reported drilling in of the wells on the Mayfield farm, out at Conaway. This well which is the most important one, had been drilled a little deeper, but it was not doing anything like it was reported to be making. The well was drilled a little deeper Monday, and was reported yesterday afternoon to be good for fifteen barrels a day. At the time that report was received the work of drilling the well in had not been started. The Mayfield well is situated in territory that is rank wildcat and if it should come in good, as confidently expected now, it will make things pretty lively in the back part of Tyler county, as all the territory out there under leases held by a multitude of people and all will want to get wells down just as soon as possible. The well is located between the great Hower gas well and the Indian creek stuff and is only about four miles from the Indian creek wells.

Another important event in the southwest fields during the week was the increase in the production of the Fisher Oil Company's well on the Price farm near Benwood in Monroe county, Ohio. When this well was first drilled in it was showing for about fifty or sixty barrels a day and was not considered of great importance by the talent. The well had a great flow of salt water and when it was put to pumping the water started to decrease and the flow to oil increase until now the well is making in the neighborhood of two hundred barrels a day and the salt water is getting very weak. This well, like the one above, is a rank wildcat, but if anything is in territory that was less tested than that mentioned above. The Fisher Oil Company has made quite a number of locations on its stuff over there, and they hold about 10,000 acres. The other people in that section who are getting ready to drill are the Henry Oil Company, which drilled a ten-barrel well on the Holtslaw farm some time ago, and Shay & McMullen.

Another thing during the week that has caused a great deal of interest in the oil fields was the fact that the price of credit balances had gone up several points. Early in the week the price went up two cents from \$1.06, and a couple of days later had gone on up to \$1.10, at which figures it still remains. There is every reason to believe that the price will go still higher in a short time and all of the oil men are holding on to their balances in the hope that a better price will rule in the near future.

The well being drilled on the Pierpont farm by the Oxford Oil Company, was drilling in the top of the sand and should have been in the sand. This is one of the most important wildcat wells drilling in this section at present and it is being watched very closely by the talent.

The Devonian Oil Company's well on the Kyle farm out in the Indian creek territory, Tyler county, which was drilled in Monday, is showing up for a fine well and it is estimated that it will be good for more than two hundred barrels a day. The same company's No. 5 on the Groves heirs' farm, out in the same section, has also been drilled in and is showing up for a good well. These two wells are in the old development and were expected to come in good.

There is a great deal of work being started in the fields in the back part of Tyler county and the coming month promises to show a greater activity in the business than any of the preceding months for some time. Out to the Sancho creek territory the Carter Oil Company and several others holding territory, made about twenty locations the latter part of the week and a number of locations have been made in the vicinity of the big Mayfield gasser.

Big Strike in Sancho Creek Field.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

SISTERSVILLE, W. Va., Sept. 8.—

The Carter Oil Company drilled in their No. 3 on the E. C. Freedland farm, out the Sancho creek territory this evening, and it will make a fine well when it is drilled in. The well filled up to the top and in a short time it was running over. The well has made several good flows and is now standing full of oil. This is the largest well that has been drilled in out in that part of the field and its production is variously estimated at from 250 to 350 barrels a day.

AMUSEMENTS.

The second night of the great Pain spectacular, "The Last Days of Pompeii," at the Schuylbach park, on the north end of the Island, was the occasion of the largest crowd that has ever assembled on the Island. Fully 10,000 people were there and the production gave the greatest satisfaction. The seating arrangements were nearly equal to the vast proportions of the city and the management had no difficulty in handling the people. They came from all directions, Wheeling, Martin's Ferry, Bridgeport and Bellaire, as well as from many surrounding towns more remote. The various features of the production were enthusiastically received by the vast audience. The specialties were particularly pleasing. In addition to the specialties mentioned yesterday morning, there was a three-finger boxing match between John C. Maloney and E. J. Wiceman of Pittsburgh, who joined "Pompeii" here yesterday. This specialty just suited a large proportion of the audience.

The fireworks were again the really star feature of the show. The set pieces were not the same as those of the opening night. The elephant was one of the best. The representations in pyrotechnics of McKinley and Bryan will give Republicans and Democrats alike an opportunity to endorse to-night.

"The Last Days of Pompeii" will be seen again to-night and Thursday night.

The Grand Opera House had another large house last night and the performance given by the big Waldman company was even better than the night before. It is the largest and best specialty organization ever seen in Wheeling and the two large audiences that have seen it so far, laughed, cheered and applauded for nearly three hours, at the close and novel specialties introduced. The dogs, cats and monkeys are a great feature. The Opera House is one of the funniest acts ever seen on the stage, and they keep the audience in a roar all the time. Tony Fernandez in a dance and every other specialty are very fine. A matinee will be given this afternoon and a performance every evening during the week. Seats are on sale at the box office.

Last night's seizure of hypnotism at the Opera House was enjoyed by only a

small sized audience, probably on account of strong opposing amusement cards. Prof. Day secured a fine lot of subjects and the result was an evening of unalloyed enjoyment for the audience which will no doubt be a great advertisement for him. The stone breaking on the rigid body of one of the subjects was indeed wonderful. A big fellow who was quite under the hypnotic influence, created a stir among the audience by chasing around the auditorium and dress circle after an imaginary rabbit; while fishing out the stage, too, the same man tumbled over in the pit, but happily did not injure himself. The base ball game that wound up the performance was side-splitting. The spectators who don't laugh 125 times in the 120 minutes that are the length of the performance, is indeed a dyed-in-the-wool dyspeptic. The same attraction holds the boards at the Opera House during the rest of the week.

A BABY-BOY

Thrown on the Cold Mercies of the World by an Unnatural Mother—Taken in Charge by the Humane Society.

Shortly after midnight this morning a male infant was found wrapped snugly in a blue and white cotton shawl on the step in front of Mr. John Waterhouse's residence on South Chapline street. The little fellow was lying in a common chip basket, which upon investigation, was found to be well filled with baby clothes. The package was discovered by Mr. Waterhouse's son, who stumbled over it as he was going in the house. A telephone message to police headquarters brought Lieutenant Supler to the scene and he bundled the baby back in the basket and carried it to headquarters. Chief Bennett was in a quandary what to do with the little stranger and as a last resort telephoned to Mrs. John K. List, president of the West Virginia Humane Society, who ordered it brought to her home, which was done.

At headquarters an examination developed the fact that the baby is apparently about ten days old, and was dressed in a pink and white lawn slip. In the basket were found all that goes toward making up a baby's wardrobe, but nothing was there to indicate who the little stranger was.

During its brief stay at headquarters the baby cried very little and was cared for tenderly by the chief and Lieutenant Supler.

Fred Huseman's Death.

Yesterday morning at 11:30 o'clock occurred the death of Fred B. Huseman, formerly clerk at the wharf-boat, in the twenty-third year of his age. Lung trouble was the cause of the young man's death. Recently he has been in Texas, where he did not improve as expected. He was a bright young man, well liked by all who knew him, and his demise will be regretted generally. The funeral will occur from the home of Mrs. H. J. Booth, Front street, Island, to-morrow afternoon.

Jewish New Year.

Yesterday was the Jewish New Year and was observed by the Jewish population quite generally, their places of business being closed in the afternoon. Appropriate services were held at the Synagogue.

A Pleasant Reception.

Miss George Pratt and Miss Anne Fredericks, the two popular young ladies at Wheeling park, entertained a number of friends at that popular resort, in a most charming manner. A course dinner was one of the features and a general good time was had by all present until midnight.

THE RIVER.

YESTERDAY'S DEPARTURES. Matamoras.—ANDY HATCHER, 11 a. m. Clarington.—FAIR PLAY, 3:30 p. m.

BOATS LEAVING TO-DAY. Parkersburg.—ARGAND, 11 a. m. Clarington.—FAIR PLAY, 3:30 p. m.

BOATS LEAVING TO-MORROW. Matamoras.—ANDY HATCHER, or LEXINGTON, 11 a. m. Clarington.—FAIR PLAY, 3:30 p. m.

Along the Landing.

The Argand is this morning's packet for Parkersburg and way landings.

Thermars at 6 p. m. showed 2 feet 5 inches and stationary. Weather clear and warmer.

The Fair Play is doing well in the Clarington trade. She travels on an astonishingly small amount of water.

The Lexington may come out to-morrow. If not the Andy Hatcher will depart at 11 a. m. for Matamoras and way landings as usual.

The J. C. Hopkins, the Big Sandy low water packet, which was chartered by Captain John K. Booth to run in the Liberty's trade while the latter boat is receiving repairs at Parkersburg, has been returned to her owners at Cadetsburg.

On the first trip the Hopkins burned out three of her boiler flues and was so costly to keep in running order and so dangerous, according to her crew, that Captain Booth gave the Hopkins up as a nut too hard to crack.

River Telegrams.

PITTSBURGH—River 2.6 feet and stationary at the dam; clear and cool.

MORGANTOWN—River 5 feet 10 inches and stationary; clear.

GREENSBORO—River 6 feet 7 inches and falling; clear and warm.

OIL CITY—River 7 inches and stationary; clear and pleasant.

STUBENVILLE—River 2 feet and rising; clear and warm.

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NEW YORK, Sept. 8.—The Pittsburghs had the lead until the seventh inning to-day, when the New Yorks jumped on Hastings and scored five runs. The score:

	AB.	R.	BI.	PO.	A.	E.
Pittsburgh	9	5	2	1	0	0
New York	9	5	2	1	0	0
Stenzel, C.	5	1	2	3	0	0
Smith, I.	3	1	1	2	0	0
Lyons, B.	3	1	1	2	0	0
Merritt, C.	0	0	0	2	0	0
H. Davis, B.	4	0	1	6	1	0
Hastings, P.	4	1	3	1	2	0
Padden, B.	4	1	3	1	2	0
Wright, B.	1	0	1	0	0	0
Totals	38	6	10	23	9	1

Joyce out for interfering.

NEW YORK, C. F. 5 2 1 1 0 0
Turner, C. 1 0 0 0 4 0
Stenzel, C. 5 1 2 3 0 0
Joyce, B. 4 1 2 3 3 0
G. Davis, S. 4 1 1 1 4 0
Lyons, B. 3 1 1 2 0 0
Stenzel, C. 1 1 2 1 0 0
Wilson, C. 3 1 2 4 1 1
Sullivan, P. 4 1 2 0 0 0

Totals 38 8 14 27 13 2
Pittsburgh 0 1 2 0 0 0 0-6
New York 0 1 2 0 0 0 0-3

Earned runs, Pittsburgh 1; New York 1. Left on bases, Pittsburgh 8; New York 5. First base on balls, off Hastings 1; off Sullivan 3. Struck out, by Hastings 2; by Sullivan 3. Two-base hits, Donovan, Smith, Lyons, Padden, Van Halten, Gleason, Joyce, Stafford. Sacrifice hit, Ely. Stolen bases, Stenzel 2, G. Davis, Wilson, Double play, H. Davis, Hastings and Lyons. Passed balls, Merritt 1; Wilson 1. Wild pitches, Hastings 2; Sullivan 1. Hit by pitcher, by Sullivan Lyons, Imple, Emale, Time, 2:35. Attendance, 3,100.

Senators Take Two.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 8.—A triple play was the distinguished feature of the two games between St. Louis and Washington to-day. Attendance, 1,300. Scores:

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First game:										R
Wash'ton	...	0	0	2	0	0	1	4	1	•-8 13
St. Louis	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0-3 13
Earned runs, Washington 2; St. Louis 2.										
Pitchers, King and Kissinger. Umpire, Lynch.										

Second game: R H E
Washington 0 0 0 0 0 1 3-5 12 7
St. Louis 0 0 0 0 0 1 0-3 9 3

Earned runs, Washington 2; St. Louis 2. Pitchers, King and Kissinger. Umpire, Lynch. Time, 1:40.

Five Winnings in Two Days.

BALTIMORE, Sept. 8.—The Champions to-day won two games from the Colonels, making a record of five winnings in two days. Attendance, 4,271. Scores:

Cubbers, making a record of five wins in two days. Attendance, 4,200.										
Scores:										
First game:										
Baltimore	...	1	0	0	3	1	0	0	5	*-10 13
Louisville	...	0	4	0	4	0	0	0	0	1-9 14

Second game: R H E
Baltimore 1 0 0 0 1 1 3-7 10
Louisville 0 0 0 0 1 0 0-1 6 3

Pitchers, Corbett and Hill. Umpires, Dexter and Donnelly. Time, 2:30.

Phillies Drop a Game.

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 8.—Poor fielding at critical moments cost the Phillies to-day's game with Chicago. Attendance, 4,100.

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Attendance, 4,100.

Score:
Philadelphia ..1 0 2 0 0 0 0 0 0-3
Chicago3 2 2 0 0 0 0 0 0-7

Earned runs, Philadelphia 1; Chicago 1.

INTER-STATE GAMES.

	AB.	R.	BI.	PO.	A.	E.
At Toledo	Score:	14	16	2		
Toledo	Score:	6	10	4		

Batteries—Toledo, Coyle and Arthur; New Castle, Brown, Donovan and Hickman.

Western League Results.

At Minneapolis—Minneapolis 18, Columbus 3. Batteries—Schriver and Flesch; Kuhn, McCreary and Jones.

At St. Paul—First game: St. Paul 6, Indianapolis 3. Batteries—Fricken and Spies; Fisher and Wood. Second game: St. Paul 4, Indianapolis 6. Batteries—Phyly, Denzer and Spies; Cross and Woods.

At Milwaukee—Milwaukee 6, Detroit 5. Batteries—Barnes and Spear; Egan and Fisher.

BELLAIRE.

All Sorts of Local News and Gossip from the Glass City.

Thomas Ault made an assignment yesterday for the benefit of his creditors. His liabilities amount in round figures to \$25,000. The assets may amount to that sum also. Tallman and Armstrong are four mill here and most people thought him well fixed financially, but he met severe reverses some years ago, and attempts to recoup made matters worse. The amount of his indebtedness was a surprise and he has the sympathy of a wide circle of friends in his embarrassment.

Hon. C. L. Weems will have a big meeting at Shadyside Friday night. The first ward club had a meeting last night and will go down to boom the good cause alone.

Miss Annie Harris has returned to her home in Moundsville after visiting relatives and friends in the Second ward.

C. H. Dankworth and wife will leave Friday for a visit with relatives in Indianapolis and Gas City, Ind.

Miss Vesta Robinson has returned to her home in the Fourth ward after visiting relatives in Marietta.

Mrs. J. C. Gibney, formerly of this city, but now of Cleveland, is the guest of friends in the city.

J. W. Sellers and family have returned home from Epworth park, where they spent the summer.

The Progress club gave a dance in Armory hall last evening. A large crowd enjoyed themselves.

James Deafenbaugh, of Dunkirk, came in yesterday morning and is calling on Bellaire friends.

Miss Lottie Stewart, of Steubenville, is the guest of Miss Corn Neal in the Second ward.

Mrs. G. S. Jennings and son have returned home from a visit with relatives at Findlay.

Miss Amanda Moeke has returned home from a visit with friends in Brilliant.

Elmer Norton has returned home from Cleveland, where he spent two weeks.

Miss Bertie Bahra will leave to-day for New Castle, Pa., to visit relatives.

Henry Kunkle, of the Fifth ward, has gone to Pittsburgh to visit friends.

Miss Lucy Roderer is home from a visit with relatives at Pittsburgh.

Miss Ella Roscoe has returned from a visit at Armstrong's Mills.

George Sherry, of the Second ward, is working at Atlantic City.

A. J. McJellan has returned from Freeport, where he has been.

W. C. Danford, of Columbus, was in the city yesterday.

Jesse Landkrohn is quite sick at his home below town.

Washburn Guitars and Mandolins at Cut Prices.